

BEARS RULE MARKET

Demoralized Condition Continues During Week.

RAILWAY EARNINGS DECREASE

Pessimism Exists in Practically All Lines and Money Situation No More Encouraging Than Railway Reports—Aldrich Bill Not Boon Expected—Two-cent Fare Agitation.

New York, March 10.—Dealings in stocks were carried on last week in a more excited manner than they have been at any time since the great liquidating movement in 1903. The market was, in fact, demoralized throughout the week. Not panicky, because its downward trend was broken on one or two occasions by sharp rallies, and a notable feature of the transactions was that they were unaccompanied by rumors of financial trouble on the part of firms or individuals such as were freely circulated at the close of last year. It must be admitted, however, that the support extended to the market was poor, and that by far the larger portion of the buying of stocks that took place seemed to be that proceeding from the purchases made to "cover" speculative sales for the decline. There were few, if any, incidents during the week that seemed to specifically affect values in one way or the other.

Railroad earnings as a rule continued to show net decreases, and in some cases decreases in gross. The break, particularly in the Southern Railway stocks, was perhaps attributable to fears that the continuance of the present dividend distribution on the company's preferred shares was impelled by the large reduction in the company's surplus shown during the first seven months of its present fiscal year. On Friday, however, the directors of the Southern Railway Company declared the semi-annual dividend on the company's preferred stock at the regular rate of 2 1/2 per cent, and as has many times been pointed out recently, the falling off in the company's surplus in the year thus far has undoubtedly been due as much as anything else to expenditures made from earnings upon the improvement of the company's property.

There was, similarly, selling of the Erie and other stocks in which margins of net earnings over dividend distributions are not notably large. Violent declines also occurred in the Atchafalpa and Southern Pacific common stocks, due in some cases to an impression that the dividend rate on Atchafalpa common will not be advanced in April, as has long been supposed, to a 6 per cent basis.

London's Bank Statement Poor.

It may be, too, that pessimism regarding the money situation was somewhat increased by the poor statement of condition made by the Bank of England in the middle of the week. England is still shipping gold heavily to South America and owing to the activity of domestic trade in Great Britain bank loans in the country are expanding rapidly. There is, it seems, therefore, little prospect of a reduction in the Bank of England's discount rate, an occurrence which some weeks ago seemed near at hand. Events in our own country that were of most interest to Wall Street were the passage of the Aldrich financial bill by Congress, which came to be regarded, however, as a mere academic matter, and the continued enactment of 2-cent passenger fare legislation in different States of the Union. This has led naturally to the abolition, in larger part, by the railroads concerned of special privileges as regards rates on passenger transportation; and it is not too much to say that a condition more or less resembling war between these railroads and the people in many different sections of the country has thus come into being, leading to the apprehension that a reduction of freight rates by the railroads may be enforced. Such a state of affairs offers clearly enough one reason for the absence of "public feelings" in the security market. People who would ordinarily, irrespective of the conditions of the money market, buy railroad stocks for investment or speculation after such declines in them, as have been, are deterred from doing so because of ignorance as to the basis from a political point of view, from which railway investments must be hereafter regarded.

Industrial Holdings Up.

While the securities of the great industrial companies have fallen in price they have fallen only moderately, although presumably holdings of them either on the part of speculators or investors were as large proportionately as in the case of the railroads. The banks and money lenders, who usually require that the collateral security deposited on Wall Street loans shall be composed of two-thirds railway and one-third industrial stocks, have found so far that it is the industrial securities against which they have discriminated that have stood the fall in the market best. Of course, if the stock market continues to fall industrial stocks will decline too, and the pace of general business will halt. Yet it may be interesting to note briefly the peculiar reasons as they are now currently stated in Wall Street, that account for the singular circumstances of large decline in railway securities while the price of stocks representing general mercantile and commercial business operations has fallen relatively little. The reasons thus urged may not be sound, but there can be no ignoring the fact that they have been used with formidable effect against the market.

It is declared in the first place and from the point of view of close observers of the security market, that speculators, and simple pushed prices of railway stocks last year to an absurdly high level. This speculation was none the less less because very rich men indulged in it, and events have proved, it is declared, that these rich men like anybody else could mislead the money market and other signs of the immediate financial future. Such prices as were reached last year for the Great Northern and Northern Pacific shares might have been justified, it is admitted, if there could have been a conversion into cash of all the equities of these companies at their full value, but the monetary conditions did not allow of this conversion and when liquidation in the stocks started it was found that the market for the securities was poor.

Pools Blamed for Trouble.

In the second place hostile critics of the market affected by the cause of the depression in railroad stocks in the influences that have developed from the working of the community of interest plan between the railway companies that was started ten years ago. Just why this plan was put into operation is of course well understood. For many years previously the trouble with the railways had been that there were more railways than there was business and that the efforts of the different railway companies to obtain business had led to rate cutting and other practices that substituted losses for profits on railway operations. The result was a period of railroad receiverships and a series of ensuing railway reorganizations, and then a determination on the part of the capitalist powers of the country that by what

amounted to a mutual exchange of stocks the railway companies should be so interested in each other that they should no longer try to cut each other's throats. Business in the country began to pick up and a time followed when "buying for control" on the part of the larger railway systems was the feature of the stock market.

The change, in brief, that in recent years the railways have devoted their financial efforts more to securing a monopoly of business in different sections for the accommodation of business and that they now find that they have so mortgaged their credit in these transactions that their ability to procure money for the accommodation of business is limited. Along with this too have come revelations of personal dishonesty, of overweening personal ambition, and of a plundering and mismanagement of railway corporations by the trustees to whom were committed the interests of the stockholders; and the upshot of it all has been that the hands of the people have been lifted against the railroads and investors have lost confidence in railway stocks.

OPINIONS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET

From The Washington Herald of Yesterday.

G. Bowie Chipman, of E. R. Chapman & Co.—"To-day's short session brought the usual opening drive which carried some issues lower than last night's finale. Shortly, however, the market gave evidence of support which in the final half hour partook of the nature of quite a spirited rally. Except such issues as Northern Pacific, Great Northern preferred, Northern Pacific, Missouri Pacific, and one or two investment issues, the general list closed at last night's level to better figures. In fact, quite a number of the leaders made considerable gains."

J. B. Weed, of Dick, Bros. & Co.—"To-day's market showed further liquidation of long stock during the morning, and some issues were again forced to new low figures. Union Pacific was weak and sold 2 points below yesterday's close. Among the railway shares new low figures were touched by Missouri Pacific, Louisville and Nashville, New York Central, Brooklyn Rapid Transit again broke badly on small transactions, selling off two points. The Hill stocks and Steels were under considerable pressure, but support was apparently extended to these issues. After the first hour the market steadied, and offerings seemed to be well absorbed. After the bank statement, which was not quite so favorable as expected, a short reaction movement set in, and a number of issues rallied rather sharply, closing 2 1/2 points higher over yesterday's Reading. I do not look for further decline in the average value of either railway or industrial stocks, but would not be surprised to see pronounced weakness and yet lower prices among some of the specialties."

Benjamin Woodruff, of Post & Flaggs—"The fact that the market did not again go to pieces is encouraging, but the gains are small and due mostly to the covering of shorts by professionals. The bank statement was about in line with what had been expected, but seemed to cut the speculative in the day's trading. There must come an end to this liquidation before long, one would think, but there is no more indication of it now than for some days past."

S. H. Agnew, of Henry Clews & Co.—"A denial of the rumor by the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission that they are about to bring suit to sever the connection of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific imparted a slightly better tone to the market at the opening. Soon, however, a renewed pressure to sell for liquidation set in, and prices again broke heavily, many stocks making new low records. The big interests which make the market have been getting rid of holdings for a long time past, and it is idle to suppose that they will change their position under existing conditions. While railroads are advancing wages from 10 to 15 per cent and paying more for materials and supplies, the Federal and State authorities are compelling them to cut down rates and revenues. In the one item of the transportation of United States mails there is to be a decrease of \$400,000, and bills have already been passed in several States reducing passenger rates to 1 cent per mile. The bank statement was bad in the extreme, with the exception of the one item of loans. The worst feature of the statement was a decrease of \$4,000,000 in cash. With a surplus of only \$2,000,000 it will be seen that the banks are in no position to grant extended accommodations. Next week payments of \$12,000,000 on Pennsylvania notes, and \$25,000,000 on Chicago and Northwestern stock will have to be made. Last year the banks' surplus reserve was \$4,000,000. Stocks are still a sale on all rallies, and the person who makes any new commitments on the long side, even at present low prices, will find he has bought too soon."

LIVELY PRIMARIES PROMISED.

Democrats of Montgomery County.

Need Not Hunt for Candidates.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Rockville, Md., March 10.—The Democratic primary election to nominate candidates for the various offices to be filled this fall will be held the first Saturday in August. Among those who have expressed their intention to contest for the various honors at the primaries are the following:

For State's attorney—Bowie F. Waters, Alexander Kiger and Charles W. Smith.
For sheriff—William E. Viett, George W. Mullin, Washington B. Chastain, William T. Wheeler, Louisville and William H. Embury.
For judges of the Orphans' Court—Judge Robert D. Darby and Niman M. Perry.
For County Commissioners for the Fourth election district—Lee Offit, Charles V. Eoff, John W. Carroll, and Humphrey Cissell.
For County Commissioners for the Third election district—Charles W. Williams.
For the House of Delegates—Andrew J. Cummins, J. Dawson Williams, and Preston B. Ray.

TILLMAN POOLS BRASS BAND.

Senator Slips Into Lecture Town Ahead of Schedule Time.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., March 10.—Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, who spoke to a crowded house in Portsmouth last night, stole a march on the brass band brigade which was to sound his entrance into the city.

He was scheduled to arrive at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but instead slipped in at 11 o'clock in the morning and "footed it" quietly to the home of his host, J. T. Hanvey.

New Church to Be Dedicated.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Lexington, Va., March 10.—Announcement is made of the coming dedication of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Buena Vista, Sunday, March 17. Bishop E. E. Hoess will preach the inaugural sermon. The church was dedicated during the "boom" days of Buena Vista, some eighteen years ago, and the present handsome and commodious edifice was erected a few years later. The present pastor is Rev. John B. Henry.

Minnesota Joins Navy.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., March 10.—The new battleship Minnesota went into commission at the Norfolk Navy Yard yesterday. Capt. John Hubbard, the commander of the big ship, took the orders of the Secretary of the Navy assigning him to the command.

THIRD TERM OPPOSED

Prof. Schouler Criticises the President Severely.

MANY GOOD MEN AVAILABLE

American Historian Says the People of This Country Want to Get Away from the Worship of One Man—Includes Spooner and Hughes in the List of Possibilities.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., March 10.—"Roosevelt's place in history will be that of a very conspicuous man," said Dr. James Schouler, lawyer and historian, of Boston, who is delivering a course of lectures here on "The Ideals of the American Republic."

"I am only a spectator of politics now," went on Dr. Schouler, "and take no part in it, but I may say that there are things about the present administration of affairs which I do not like. Roosevelt has done some things very well, and he is a man of very fine impulses—honest and sincere and all that. But there are other men of a different character whom it is well to consider in connection with the Presidency; men who perhaps would not have carried us so far on what I believe to be mistaken lines. But I think there is no doubt that President Roosevelt's place in history will be that of a very conspicuous man."

Third Term Discussed.

"I do not believe the President will seek or accept the nomination for a third term. My view of his character leads me to believe that he will be mainly enough to stand by his promise. The third-term idea is not a good one for any man. The people of this country want to get away from the worship of one man. If they are afraid to trust another man with the Presidency, it is a sign that they do not trust the country's institutions, or else have become weak-hearted."

When asked about his view of Senator Spooner's reported candidacy for the Republican nomination for the Presidency, Dr. Schouler said:

"It is a good thing for a man of opposite views to Roosevelt's to be mentioned. We do not want the leaders of both the great parties to stand for the same ideas. There are so many people in this country who differ from Roosevelt and Bryan that they should have an opportunity to consider the candidacy of a man like Spooner. Another man who may have to be thought of is Gov. Hughes, of New York. The next year may place him in such a position that the Republican party may nominate him."

Hurts Country's Credit.

"The attitude of the administration and the people generally toward corporate wealth has hurt the country's credit abroad. But perhaps the chief and original cause of this lies with the financiers themselves. We have seen so many rich men, high officials of great corporations, false to the confidence reposed in them, that the people have become unreasoning in their hostility to organized wealth. Attacks have been made indiscriminately on corporations, with the assurance that they were all justified. For this reason a man who proved that he knew when and how to proceed against wealthy law-breakers would be a strong candidate for the Republican party. It is this which brings the names of Spooner and Hughes prominently forward."

Opposed to Expansion.

"Then, I do not like the Asiatic developments by the United States. If this republic is to continue its progress, it should confine itself to this hemisphere. On account of the acquisition of the Philippines, there is now constant talk of war with Japan. Every little ripple of excitement in the Pacific brings out the report of war with Japan. This alone shows the mistake in taking lands in the Pacific. Had this country confined itself to its proper sphere there would be no talk of war with Japan. It is the Philippines and the conflict with Japan which might attack them which causes the war talk."

Although Dr. Schouler calls himself only a spectator of public events, he is well qualified to express an opinion on them. Among his widely read books are: "History of the United States (1783-1865)," "Eighty Years of Union," "Americans of 1776," "Alexander Hamilton," and "The Life of George Washington." Dr. Schouler is a brother of Rear Admiral John Schouler (retired), of Annapolis. Dr. Schouler is a Harvard man of the class of '79.

SHIPBUILDING STRIKE CALLED.

Five Thousand Men Will Lay Down Tools Along the Great Lakes.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cleveland, March 10.—National Vice President Louis Weyand, of the Boiler-makers and Iron Shipbuilders' Association, announced to-night he had called a general strike, which will affect over 5,000 men employed at the yards of the American Shipbuilding Company, from Buffalo to Duluth. In addition, the men employed at the Ecorse and St. Clair yards of the Great Lakes Engineering Company will throw down their tools in sympathy. The entire shipbuilding industry will therefore practically be tied up, beginning one of the bitterest labor wars in the history of the shipbuilding industry.

KILLED IN A SAWMILL.

George W. Moxley Meets Shocking Death Near Boyds, Md.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Boys, Md., March 10.—George W. Moxley was instantly killed while working in a sawmill near here, yesterday, which was his sixty-fifth birthday. In some unaccountable manner Moxley fell on a log which was running in a saw. He saw caught his arm and severed it, and then cut into his body, and before the engine could be stopped he was dead. Moxley was born March 9, 1843. He is survived by his widow and three children.

WOUND PROVES FATAL.

Detective Huffman Shot While Trying to Arrest Trespasser.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Romney, Va., March 10.—Charles Huffman, aged twenty-nine years, who was shot Wednesday night by Robert L. Barton, died at the Roanoke Hospital. Huffman, together with Special Officer Posey Turner, attempted to arrest Dan and Lee Barton for alleged trespass, when they began shooting. The Barton brothers were arrested.

Mad Mule Creates Havoc.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Saltisbury, N. C., March 10.—The officers yesterday shot a mad mule that created a street havoc by kicking and biting animals and men. One man was severely injured, and it is thought all the horses will have to be killed. The man will be sent to Washington for treatment.

NAVAL HOSPITAL READY.

New Institution at Annapolis to Be Opened This Week.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., March 10.—Surgeon General Philip M. Rixey, of the navy, will come to Annapolis early this week to make the final inspection of the new Naval Hospital preparatory to its formal opening about March 15. Contrary to the supposition of many persons, the hospital will be for the service in general and not for officers, midshipmen, and others connected with the Naval Academy alone.

The hospital, together with its equipment, is thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every respect, and will accommodate about a hundred patients. It is located on the government farm opposite the Academy, and was erected at a cost of \$300,000. Surgeon General Rixey, who has been in Annapolis for several weeks, has been detailed by the Navy Department to manage it. In addition to Surgeon Rixey, the hospital staff will be composed of one and possibly more assistant surgeons, one pharmacist, three hospital stewards, and a corps of fourteen nurses.

POISONED BY PINEAPPLES.

Dr. A. H. Dreher Dies After Illness of Three Months.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Saltisbury, N. C., March 10.—Notice was received here that Dr. A. H. Dreher, of this city, died this morning in University Hospital, Philadelphia. His death was due to pineapple poisoning, which developed into erysipelas and cancer. Dr. Dreher left here last December to go to Philadelphia for treatment.

PLANS TO BUILD NEW TOWN

American Coal Company to Develop Its Latest Acquisition.

Post-office Called Pamosa Has Already Been Established on Newly Selected Site.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., March 10.—The American Coal Company, which has purchased the holdings and plant of the Cumberland Basin Coal Company, near Mount Savage, this county, the tracts embracing 10,000 acres, will build a new town near Barreville, this county, on the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The coal tract purchased runs over the line into Pennsylvania to beyond Wellersburg. A post-office called Pamosa has already been established at the site of the proposed new town. A complete electric lighting plant will be installed, not only for the lighting of the town and the buildings, but power for running the necessary machinery and engines for the mining plant. Frank S. Hambleton, of Baltimore, is president of the company.

The Maryland Shoe Company will rebuild here on the site of their building destroyed by fire.

J. W. Schiller, former lumber manufacturer and proprietor of lumber mills at Hyndman, is dead, aged seventy-two years. At the time of his death he was a director in the Hohitzell National Bank at Hyndman.

Congressman John M. Reynolds, of Bedford, will join the Hawaii party to visit Honolulu in June. He is a brother of Dr. Warren H. Reynolds, of the Cumberland bar.

NEW TRUNK LINE PLANNED.

Virginia Railway Company Charter May Mean Route to Great Lakes.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., March 10.—The Virginia Railway Company, chartered by the State Corporation Commission, is a consolidation of the Tidewater Railway, in Virginia, with the Deepwater Railway, in West Virginia. The two roads meeting at the line between the States named and traversing rich coal regions. The \$100,000 capital of the Tidewater Company, which has built and controlled the Deepwater line, is increased to \$350,000 for the Virginia company.

It is understood that the combination is practically the property of H. H. Rogers, of New York, the Standard Oil magnate, and that it means a continuous line from Norfolk to the Great Lakes.

OBJECT TO NEGRO DELEGATES.

White Members Threaten Disruption of Central Labor Union.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Newport News, Va., March 10.—If delegates to the negro labor unions attempt to take their seats in the Central Labor Union, in accordance with the recent decision of that body to affiliate the colored organized workmen in the city, a disruption is threatened that will involve the withdrawal of some of the largest and strongest white unions.

The bartenders to-day decided to give the Central body an opportunity to annul its former action before voting finally upon withdrawal. The machinists and carpenters, it is understood, are ready to break off any time. The negroes up to this time apparently have hesitated to take advantage of their rights in the premises.

DAILY COURT RECORD.

Court of Appeals.

Assignments for to-day:

No. 1712. O'Day vs. Northern Market Company. Appellants' attorneys, C. H. Meritt and C. F. Cressel; appellees' attorneys, E. H. Thomas, H. P. Blair, Arthur Perry, and Hamilton, Colbert & Hamilton.

No. 1713-1719. Stone vs. Fowler. Appellants' attorneys, R. P. Hilliard and J. S. Easley-Smith; appellees' attorneys, Leigh Robinson.

EQUITY COURT NO. 1.

CHIEF JUSTICE CLARAUGH.

Assignments for to-day:

Motion: No. 27. Kinney, Attorneys, J. J. Darlington and Leon Tolbrner-R. R. Perry & Son and William F. Mattingly.

No. 28. Kinney vs. Kinney. Attorneys, Blackstone and Douglas & Douglas-W. P. Plumley.

No. 29. Cressel vs. Lacey. Attorneys, Wilson & Barlow & Edward L. Richmond.

No. 30. Berkeley vs. Berkeley. Attorneys, Walter F. Ralston and Boyle-William H. Holloway.

No. 31. Kinney vs. Kinney. Attorneys, William E. Ambrose, Van Lyke, and James D. Sullivan.

No. 32. Ross vs. Ross. Attorneys, L. Melendez King and W. P. Plumley.

No. 33. Vanderhorst vs. Vanderhorst. Attorneys, J. H. Crossland-Montague.

No. 34. Moran vs. Bernheim. Attorney, Edward L. Richmond.

EQUITY COURT NO. 2.

JUSTICE GOULD.

Assignments for to-day:

No. 283. Sellers vs. Cooper. Attorneys, H. E. Davis and E. Forrest-John R. Kidney.

No. 333. Morris vs. Clark & Co. Attorneys, Wolf & Rosenberg-L. T. Mechner and H. E. Davis.

No. 321. Rogers vs. Rogers. Attorneys, H. Winship Whistler-Philip Walker.

No. 413. Williams vs. Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad Company.

Criminal Court No. 1.

JUSTICE STAFFORD.

Assignments for to-day:

United States vs. Binger Hermann (on trial).

Criminal Court No. 2.

JUSTICE BARNARD.

Assignments for to-day:

United States vs. Jesse Boyer.

United States vs. Lewis Bricker.

United States vs. Charles Thompson.

United States vs. Warren G. Nash.

NEWS OF ALEXANDRIA

Police Return with Alleged Negro Murderer.

AVERT DANGER OF LYNCHING

Authorities Decline to Reveal Where They Have Lacked Up William Johnson, Colored, Charged with Shooting Charles T. Smith Last October—State Board to Meet.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU.

(Bell Telephone 13.)

Corner of Prince and Royal Streets.

Alexandria, Va., March 10.—William Johnson, colored, alias George Midge, who was arrested in Harrisburg, Pa., for the murder of Charles T. Smith in this city, October 25, last, was brought to this jurisdiction this afternoon. In order to protect the prisoner from possible violence he was conveyed through this city to a point south of here, the identity of which is concealed by the police, and lodged in jail. It is rumored that he was taken to Fredericksburg. Mayor Puff had a talk with the prisoner in the course of which the mayor ascertained that the log on the evening of the shooting of Smith, the ball never having been extracted, after Smith had been shot Johnson bolted and was fired upon by policemen as he ran. It is stated that he admitted being the man whose arrest was attempted when Smith was killed, but he asserted that the fatal shot was fired at random by some one in the crowd.

State Board to Meet.

The first session of the State Board of Education ever held in this city will be opened Tuesday morning in the Peabody School Building, on King street. The board will hold meetings every day thereafter until Friday evening. Arrangements for the teachers' institute, to be held in Odd Fellows' Hall next Thursday, have been completed. The teachers participating will be from this city and Alexandria and Fairfax counties. In the evening a general meeting will be held in the First Baptist Church, when addresses on educational topics will be delivered.

Committee to Review Accounts.

A called meeting of the executive committee of the George Washington Birth-day Association will be held in the Friendship Fire Enginehouse Tuesday evening, when the accounts connected with the celebration in this city February 22 last will be reviewed and wound up.

It is expected that Judge Charles E. Nicol, J. F. Ryan, R. Lindsey Gordon, and Charles C. Carlin, candidates for the Democratic Congressional nomination in this district, will address the voters of Stafford County Monday, on the occasion of the opening of court, at the county courthouse.

Rev. Charles D. Bulla, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, delivered an address this afternoon in the First Baptist Church, before the Baptist Young People's Union.

Harry Hammond, of the Mutual Ice Company, left this evening for Atlanta, Ga., to attend the session of the Southern Ice Exchange, which convenes in that city Tuesday morning.

Potomac Lodge of Odd Fellows has elected Fred. Kauss delegate and J. T. Wilkins alternate to the session of the Grand Lodge of that organization, which meets the latter part of May in Norfolk.

BOY COMMITS SUICIDE.

Youth Bids Mother Good-by, Then Shoots Himself to Death.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Upper Marlboro, Md., March 10.—Silas Cransford, sixteen years old, took an old shotgun this afternoon, and after bidding his mother good-by, walked to the tracks of the Chesapeake Beach Railroad at Hill station, near his home, and lying down on the track pulled the trigger of the gun and his feet, killing himself instantly. His mother, who had seen him getting the gun ready, rushed toward him, but before her arrival he had ended his life. A train with Dr. Griffith aboard came along in a few minutes, but when the physician reached the side of the distracted woman he told her that her son was dead.

Before leaving home the boy had asked his mother's permission to enlist in the navy, but she told him not to talk of such a thing as he was too young. A coroner's inquest was held, and a verdict of suicide rendered. No cause can be assigned for the act.

FARMERS SELLING OUT.

Scarcity of Labor and Present High Prices the Causes.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Boys, Md., March 10.—Scarcity of labor and the difficulty of securing even poor farm hands is causing an unusually large number of farmers in this section of Montgomery County to offer their lands and stock for sale. An additional reason is the present high price of property, notwithstanding.

Good herds of heavy and light draft are bringing from \$15 to \$25, which is a fine price. Cows at sales last week brought from \$30 to \$35. Some fine farming land is to be sold here this month, which will bring a good price on account of location.

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